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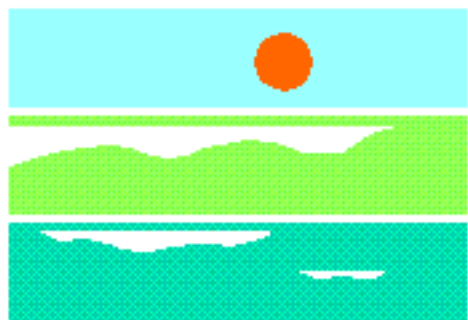
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Selected versions of Ecology's Internet home page are provided below. These versions were archived at the time of a design change, i.e. the date indicates the **end** of the period of use of each design.

Jan 1997	Oldest archived version; approximates original home page design. Note "Environmental Conditions and Trends" (now "Environmental Information", "Ecology's Activities By Function" (now "Services"), selected programs (now grouped under "Programs"), "Local Action Teams and Other Geographic Initiatives" (now "Watershed Planning" under "Services"), and link to Home Page Washington (now Access Washington).
May 1997	
Jan 1998	
May 1998	Introduced two-column layout to Ecology's home page and provided more visibility for news releases.
Aug 1998	
Dec 1998	Implemented Access Washington design.
Dec 1999	Redesign to improve navigation and provide more consistent "look and feel" across site; more emphasis on services and less emphasis on programs.
Mar 2001	Implemented series of minor changes to add news release "blurbs", "Quick Links", portals for selected other languages, dynamic calendar, and smaller font size.
Feb 2002	
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Redesign to improve navigation and page loading speed; fewer high-level links.



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- [State transportation department fined for damaging salmon stream](#)
- [Chehalis Basin Partnership public meeting this Friday](#)

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- [Dioxin report illustrates need for strategy to eliminate toxic chemicals](#)

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- [Ecology finds more illegal detergent in Washington stores](#)
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- [Temporary "geotubes" protect beach while long-term plan devised](#)

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- [Ocean Shores project delayed 24 hours](#)
- [Ecology offers complete permit information online](#)

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- [Sand-filled "geotubes" under construction at Ocean Shores beach](#)

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- [Slowing down rule to speed-up processing water-rights in Walla Walla](#)
- [Sumner battery manufacturer fined \\$12,000 for releasing copper](#)
- [Washington's recycling rates plummet](#)

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[December 9: Market stabilization helps raise Washington's recycling rates](#) -- Washington businesses and residents slightly improved their recycling habits in 1998, although the recycling rate is still lower than the peak achieved in 1995. [More....](#)

[December 9: Ellensburg man agrees to \\$10,000 settlement for tire fire](#) -- An Ellensburg man fined earlier this year for burning thousands of tires near Kittitas has agreed to pay \$10,000 to settle his enforcement case with Ecology. [More....](#)

[December 8: Final figures show wheat stubble burning down in fall](#) -- Final burn permit figures for the fall of 1999 indicate wheat stubble burning has substantially decreased when compared to fall 1998 figures. [More....](#)

[December 3: Olympic Pipe Line Co. fined for negligence on Renton spill](#) -- Ecology has fined Olympic Pipe Line Co. \$120,000 for negligence in an Aug. 29 oil spill at the company's Renton pump station. [More....](#)



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December 2: Workshops planned on managing dangerous

waste -- Do you know if your business generates dangerous waste, and would you like to increase your profits by reducing your waste? Are you interested in learning to manage your waste properly to avoid a costly violation? [More....](#)

December 1: Lawsuit on metering water use goes to court -- This

week, Ecology and environmental and fishing organizations broke off settlement talks in a lawsuit that alleged Ecology wasn't properly enforcing a law requiring certain water users to meter their water use. [More....](#)

December 1: Emission Check changes start Jan. 4 -- Fewer

motor vehicles will need to have their emissions checked starting next month, under changes being implemented by Ecology. [More....](#)

August 12: Quarterly Enforcement Summary -- This summary

includes all penalties of \$1,000 or more by Ecology during the second quarter of this year (April - June). [More . . .](#)

Bellingham Pipeline Explosion -- Ecology is working with federal and local governments and Olympic Pipe Line Co. to investigate the June 10 pipeline explosion in Bellingham and oversee efforts to restore Whatcom Creek. Questions about the ongoing cleanup and restoration of Whatcom and Hannah creeks should be directed to [Joan Pelley](#) at 360-738-6247. Information about the initial emergency response can be found on [Whatcom County's Web site](#). Meanwhile, Gov. Gary Locke has appointed the [Fuel Accident Prevention and Response Team](#) to look into pipeline safety issues in Washington.

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[March 20: Drought update: citizens and state brace for dry](#)

[summer](#) -- Throughout the duration of Washington's drought emergency, the Department of Ecology will issue weekly reports about the status of drought conditions, assistance being provided by state agencies, and what citizens can do or are doing to conserve and share water....

[March 20: Ecology Dept. confirms University Place soils](#)

[contaminated](#) -- A just-released study by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has confirmed that elevated levels of arsenic have been found in residential soils in Pierce County's University Place....

[March 19: New rule sets stream flows for Skagit River system](#)

-- Last week, the Department of Ecology adopted a rule setting minimum stream flows for most of the Skagit River basin, the largest source of fresh water into Puget Sound....

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March 16: Oil product removed from store shelves -- A product marketed as motor oil has been pulled from Dollar Store shelves statewide because it contains ingredients that could harm engines, reports the Washington Department of Ecology....

March 13: WSDOT agrees to \$400,000 purchase of salmon habitat -- The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has agreed to spend \$400,000 to purchase land along the north fork of the Nooksack River to settle a 1997 incident in which the department destroyed a stretch of salmon-spawning habitat in the river while repairing an adjacent highway....

March 12: Brush Prairie dairy fined for discharging waste to creek -- Huntington Dairy in Brush Prairie has been fined \$10,000 by the state Department of Ecology and ordered to immediately cease discharging milk-parlor waste to Mud Creek, a tributary of Salmon Creek in eastern Clark County....

March 12: Ecology Department updates cleanup list -- Washington's Department of Ecology has added 32 properties to its list of contaminated sites and removed 13 that have been cleaned up and no longer pose a threat....

January 29: Penalty Summary for Fourth-Quarter (October-December 2000) -- Ecology issues penalties totaling \$558,150 during fourth quarter of 2000.

November 1: Penalty Summary for Third-Quarter (July-September 2000)

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[February 8: Creating or enhancing wetlands can work, if done right](#) -- When a wetland is destroyed to make way for development, can its functions be re-created or replaced in another wetland?...

[February 8: Permit assistance center begins work on Moses Lake plant](#) -- The company planning to build a 40-million-gallon-per-year ethanol plant near Moses Lake has begun seeking the needed permits for the project with the help of the Washington Department of Ecology's permit

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February 8: Innovative service used to expedite water right for Bear Mountain Resort

-- Water has been secured for a new resort and golf course near Lake Chelan using one of the state's new tools for processing water rights....

February 7: EPA, Ecology Department reach agreement to streamline process for air-quality permit

-- The process for obtaining a key industrial air-quality permit could be shortened by as much as two months, under an agreement signed today by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Ecology....

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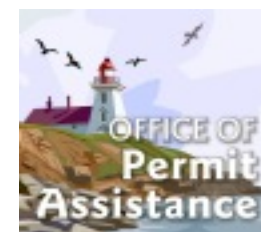
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[May 2: Businesses recognized for environmental leadership](#) - Some 450 Whatcom County-area businesses are being honored today by the Washington Department of Ecology, Bellingham and Port of Bellingham for displaying environmental leadership through the Whatcom Watersheds Pledge program....

[May 1: Recommendations for dealing with lead, arsenic soil contamination available for review](#) - Preliminary recommendations for how Washington

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businesses and citizens might deal with lead and arsenic soil contamination over large geographic areas are available for review and comment through May 22....

May 1: Student gardeners take on county composting project - Students at Lyle Middle School in Klickitat County are teaming with the county solid-waste program and the Underwood Conservation District to create a community garden program that promotes stewardship of natural resources....

April 30: Ecology Department orders cleanup of Hanford's buried wastes - Citing a continuing threat to the state's people and the environment, Washington Department of Ecology Director Tom Fitzsimmons issued an order today that finds the federal Department of Energy in violation of the state's hazardous-waste law for failing to properly manage radioactive hazardous wastes buried in unlined trenches at Hanford....

April 28: Former Davenport gas station operator ordered to begin cleanup - The public has an opportunity over the next month to review and comment on an enforcement order that requires Merit Truckstop Inc. to finish cleaning up contamination from an old gas station and convenience store in Davenport, about 30 miles west of Spokane....

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July 22	Public Workshop: Lacey Southwest Regional Office Grant and Loan Outreach Meeting
August 10	Public Hearing: Moses Lake Sand and Gravel NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit (Draft)
August 10	Public Hearing: Yakima Dangerous Waste Regulations
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July 27	Montesano: Draft Reauthorization NPDES Permit for the City of Montesano

July 27	Chehalis: Puget Sound Energy Jackson Prairie Gas Storage Facility Draft Permit Reauthorization
July 29	Woodinville: Application Received from King County DNRP Wastewater Treatment Division, Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant Site
July 30	Duvall: Draft State Waste Discharge Permit for Lampaert Meats, Inc.
July 30	Clark County: Camp Bonneville Enforcement Order Amended
August 2	Tacoma: Atlas Castings & Technology (formerly Atlas Foundry and Machine Co.) Draft Permit Modification
August 2	Centralia: Lewis County Central Transfer Station Draft State Waste Discharge Permit, ST 6139
August 4	Arlington: Application and Draft State Waste Discharge Permit for National Food Corporation
August 6	Skagit County: Rasar Restoration - Corps #200400364
August 10	Pacific County: Willapa River Draft Temperature and Bacteria Studies
August 12	Chehalis: NC Machinery Company Draft Permit Renewal for State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST 6141
August 12	Spokane: Enforcement Order Issued - Hamilton Street Bridge Site

August 12	Washougal: Allweather Wood Treathers, Inc. Draft Modification of NPDES Permit No. WA0040029
August 13	Noveon Kalama, Draft Cleanup Action Plan and Compliance Monitoring Plan
August 13	Beyond Waste Strategic Plans
August 14	Langley: Draft State Wastewater Discharge Permit for Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, Inc.
August 15	Issaquah: Application and Draft Permit for WestFarm Foods - Issaquah
August 16	Darrington: Draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit No. 03-04 for the Darrington Cogeneration Facility
August 19	Sand and Gravel NPDES and State Waste Discharge General Permit (Draft)
August 19	Aberdeen: Associated Seafoods Company Draft Permit Renewal for NPDES Permit No. WA0003123
August 20	Bellingham: R.G. Haley International Corporation, Inc. site
September 10	Dangerous Waste Regulations

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Public Hearings, Meetings, Workshops, Open Houses (Next 21 days)

August 31	Public Hearing: Richland <u>Draft Research, Development & Demonstration Permit for the Bulk Vitrification Test and Demonstration Facility</u>
September 2	Public Hearing: Spokane <u>Kaiser Aluminum Potliner Superfund Cleanup Site</u>
September 2	Public Hearing: Centralia <u>Cardinal Glass PSD (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) Permit</u>

Open Public Comment Periods

Comment Period Closes:

August 20	Bellingham: R.G. Haley International Corporation, Inc. Site
August 24	Everett: The Boeing Company-Everett Plant (Boeing Everett Plant) Revised Agreed Order
August 25	Kennewick: Agrium UC Inc. Draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit
August 26	Ridgefield: Former Pioneer Potato Growers - Delisting
August 27	Grandview: Alexander Farms Consent Decree, Cleanup Action Plan and SEPA DNS Available for Review
August 31	Olympia: Briggs Nursery - Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and Risk Assessment Proposed
September 2	Winlock: Cardinal Glass PSD (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) Permit
September 3	Richland: State Permit Application for Battelle Memorial Institute
September 3	Vancouver: Clark County Public Utilities River Road Generating Plant NPDES Permit Modification #2
September 5	Sunnyside: Draft State Permit for Apex Cellars

September 6	Elma: Morton International Inc. Draft Permit Renewal
September 7	Chehalis: National Frozen Foods - Repack Facility Draft Permit Reissuance for State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST 6163
September 7	Ellensburg: Wondrack Draft Cleanup Action Plan Available for Review
September 9	Hanford Site: Draft Research, Development & Demonstration Permit for the Bulk Vitrification Test and Demonstration Facility
September 9	Aberdeen: Port of Grays Harbor Draft Permit Renewal for State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST 6170
September 10	Spokane: Kaiser Aluminum Potliner Superfund Cleanup Site
September 10	Draft Clean Water Strategy/Detailed Implementation Plan in Lower Dungeness Watershed and Dungeness Bay
September 10	Dangerous Waste Regulations
September 12	Brewster: Draft NPDES Permit for City of Brewster
September 13	Everett: Draft Modification of State Waste Discharge Permit for Goodrich Aviation Services Inc.
September 13	Marysville: Draft Modification of State Waste Discharge Permit for Quil Ceda Tanning Co. Inc.
September 14	Davenport: Draft Engineering Design Documents for Priceless Gas Site

September 14	Woodinville: Application Received from King County DNRP Wastewater Treatment Division, Brightwater Conveyance System Project
September 14	Everett: Draft Modification of NPDES Permit for Weyerhaeuser Company - Smith Island Site
September 16	Renton: Draft NPDES Permit for King County South Wastewater Treatment Plant
September 17	Yakima: Tiger Oil Propsed Consent Decree, CAP, and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance
September 17	Camas: Draft NPDES Permit for the City of Camas wastewater treatment plant
September 17	Washougal: Draft reauthorization NPDES Permit for the City of Washougal wastewater treatment plant
September 18	Seattle: Phillips Services Corporation-Georgetown Facility Hazardous Waste TSD Permit Modification
September 20	Chehalis: Cummins Northwest, Draft Renewal of Permit No. ST 6125
September 20	Aberdeen: Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. Draft Renewal of Permit No. WA0003271
September 20	DRAFT Wetlands in Washington State: Volume 2 - Guidance for Protecting and Managing Wetlands Available for Review

September 27 [Public Workshop/Hearing for the Modified Industrial Stormwater General NPDES Permit](#)

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